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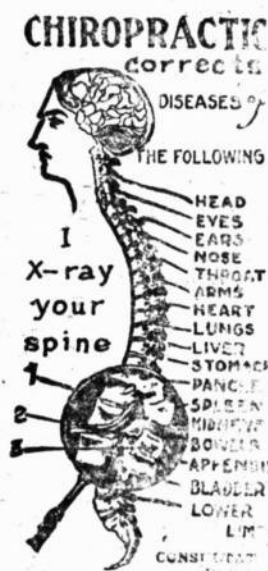
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LOCAL ITEMS

Painter Livingston is busy decorating some of the rooms of the Imperial hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fitzpatrick were in Vulcan on Wednesday, on their way to visit the latter's parents in Calgary.

Mrs. Roy Walker left on Wednesday for a trip to the coast, and will visit at Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle.

Mr. A. H. Allen, provincial auditor, was in Vulcan last week on the work of auditing the books of the Municipal district of Royal.

Vulcan is represented at the Okotoks bonspiel this week by a rink composed of Messrs. A. G. Spooner, Thos. LeBow, Howard Journey and Jack Marshall.

Mr. Jack Hanna, who is employed at the Ford Garage, this week has experienced a rather painful mishap. He fell into the furnace pit and the result was a badly sprained arm.

POULTRY SHOW

Everything in Readiness for the Big Annual Event

The fifth annual show of Vulcan district poultry association takes place Friday and Saturday next, 1st and 2nd February. Everything promises for a good show and a large attendance is looked for. Messrs P. J. Timms and M. Ross Wallace will act as judges. This insures competent and independent judging and the slogan of the association "May the best bird win" will be upheld. The Commercial Class, type and egg production test will be a large class and with its 18 prizes and 8 "specials" will bring out a large entry. The Association favours the showing of the Standard breed, as its prize list shows, and good prizes are offered for single birds and pens. The trophies, six in number, for all varieties, will be eagerly competed for. Mrs. Lindsay who has been a successful competitor at every show is not exhibiting. Three of the trophies are now hers having been won three times so she is giving "the other fellow" an opportunity to do as she has done. One of the trophies has been won twice by the same exhibitor and he no doubt will make an effort to have it his by winning it for the third time but there are others who will strive to prevent him.

A good supply of exhibition and turkey coops will be on hand so that birds will be shown to the best advantage. Every care and feed for the exhibits will be provided and a good working committee will be on hand to assist exhibitors in getting their exhibits properly placed. It is hoped the general public will patronize the show and by their presence encourage the directors for another year and that the slogan of the association will be upheld.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Dorothy McQueen, who is teaching school at Staveland, is home on account of illness.

The Rex Market is in the business of buying beef, stockers and hogs, and farmers who have these for sale are advised to consult Mr. Marcellus.

The regular monthly meeting of the Vulcan Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Marshall on Friday, February 1st. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The annual service in connection with the Curling association will be held in the Union church on Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Brunton will take for his subject "A great player in the bonspiel." Special music will be rendered by the choir. Everybody welcome.

One of the occasional stunts at the curling rink was pulled off on Tuesday night. It was a game between rinks of ladies and gentlemen, and the ladies won. The ladies were Mrs. LeBow, Mrs. Vanskiver, Mrs. Beardsley and Mrs. Ferguson. We are not taking a chance on naming the men.

The Poultry Association has received several donations in addition to those printed in the prize list, as follows: Ham by Rex market, G. R. Marcellus, manager, for best display; P. J. Timms, sack Timms' Chux Mash, for best pen; Plunkett & Savage, per E. R. McIntosh, box confectionery, for ninth pen Commercial class; Empress Meat Co., per E. R. McIntosh, three pounds Amber coffee, for tenth pen Commercial class.

UP TO OKOTOKS

Band and Citizens Make Trip With Hockey Team

There were fifty or more, including the brass band, that made the trip to Okotoks on Friday night. It was certainly a happy throng, filled with the spirit of sport, and on the way over the band played, and the whole gang joined in song and general jolliness. Joy on this occasion soon spread to all the passengers, and the bunch of travellers and others who go into the city on Friday night joined in the jollity, and it seemed like a short run from here to Okotoks.

Arriving at the famous hockey town, the visitors were given free and quick transportation to the rink. The band boys thawed out their horns by the natural gas stoves and treated the assembling spectators to a program of popular selections, and between the periods played a tune or two, and it just seemed that the music on that night was better than on any other night. Okotoks people appreciated the treat which Vulcan had carried to them, and prominent citizens were profuse in their commendation for the sportiness which had been demonstrated and expressed appreciation of the good inter-town friendliness which had been commenced by our treatment of the Okotoks team when in Vulcan and would be increased by such a visit as was then being made.

Then there was the game. It was another treat for Okotoks, for according to their own estimate, it was the best they had had this season. And we believe it, for never did Vulcan play to the satisfaction of their opponents as on this occasion, and the game they put up thrilled their friends and gave cause for some anxiety to the home people, for it was not the cinch that they are so often accustomed to see. Eventually Okotoks won by a score of five to two, and this was their satisfaction, while the Vulcanites were delighted with the showing their team had made. We do not propose to detail the play, suffice it to say that the game was a real hummer, without an instant of let-up, and withal it was clean, being well managed by Referee McKay. Everybody was at his best and did his best, and the hockey boys certainly made a hit with their own friends, and with their opponents.

After the game the visitors were returned by car to the depot, a service that was appreciated. The run down on the train was like the trip up only more, and the outing has been correctly described as delightful, and the whole stunt will add to the splendid reputation of Vulcan.

LADIES CURL

Blackie Plays Close Contest with Local Rinks

Two rinks of ladies of the Blackie curling club visited Vulcan on Thursday afternoon to play friendly games with the ladies of the Vulcan club, and a splendid afternoon's sport was provided for all. Mrs. Flood and Mrs. Hall skipped the home rinks and were opposed to Mrs. Wellman and Mrs. Smith, respectively. In the first game the home team won easily, the score being 10-6, the visitors laying four in the last end. In the other game the visitors won 13-9, and particular credit is due to them for they were down 7-3 at one time and then laid a six end.

The combined scores being equal, an extra end was played. The visitors scored one against Mrs. Hall's rink, but Mrs. Flood made two against her opponent and so enabled the home rinks to win by the odd point. It should be mentioned that the visiting skip had the misfortune to raise one of her own rocks into the house to count when playing for her first shot for a guard, and was short with her second.

The Vulcan rinks were: Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Journey, Mrs. Beardsley and Mrs. Flood (skip), Mrs. LeBow, Mrs. Vanskiver, Mrs. Jack Marshall, Mrs. Hall (skip).

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. A. B. Mitchell attended the U.F.A. convention at Edmonton as the representative of Sunset Valley local.

Members of the Vulcan school board this week made a general and close inspection of the school premises, and their finding is that all is well.

Mr. Charlie Caldwell, who was one time prominent in our community activities, and comes back once in a while to see us, was one of our last week visitors.

St. Aldhelm's new church building, which was undertaken some time ago, every now and then progresses a bit, and just now the finishing touches are being made in the basement, which now splendidly serves for church services and other purposes.

The Calgary Herald on Tuesday night contained a picture of the new skating rink and new curling rink at Vulcan, and to The Herald we are indebted for the use of the engraving which embellishes the front page of this issue of The Advocate.

Through the medium of The Advocate advertising columns, Dr. Allan C. Blue announces his location in Vulcan for the practice of chiropractic. He is a friend and of the same school as Dr. Messenger, whom he succeeds, and will occupy the same premises, which are being furnished and fixed for his use and equipped for the proper care and treatment of patients.

The skating rink equipment has been extended and improved by the addition of a sanitary drinking fountain. This very convenient article of equipment was the gift of the Vulcan Women's Institute, and its usefulness will be a constant reminder of kindness and good judgement of this worthy institution, which is always doing its bit in the support of community enterprises.

The municipal authorities have lately received from the Vulcan Dramatic Society the splendid sum of about \$75, their contribution to the rink building fund, being proceeds from picture shows under the auspices of the society. Public acknowledgement of this contribution is somewhat belated, but the amount is none the less useful, and the contribution none the less appreciated.

Nanton has the proper estimate on Orr, the Vulcan goalkeeper, as indeed has all the towns where the team has played, evidence of which is in the following from the last issue of The News: "Two of Nanton's goals were won after the Vulcan net keeper had fallen, leaving his goal open, but his play was what really beat the Nanton team, who were continually buzzing the puck around his head, yet could not penetrate his guard."

It is now considerably more than a year since Mr. Ralph Moorehouse gave us the world's record in grain hauling with the thirty-horse-team, and it is some time since The Advocate has mentioned the event but a reminder comes in the form of a request for photos from a gentleman at Maple Creek, who in this way manifests an interest in a feat which at the time was a subject of publicity all over the continent, and a feat that has not been equalled anywhere.

Nanton hockey team defaulted in their engagement at Vulcan on Tuesday night. The day was stormy and the roads bad, and perhaps they are not to blame. However, on a quick request, Carmangay and Champion hockeyists—good sports that they are—came up by train and gave the locals a game which, though it did not produce the hockey that was anticipated of the league game, it afforded an opportunity for just as much cheering and noise and any amount of fun. The locals won.

To the gallery of art in the band room at the rink has been added an interesting and excellent contribution. It is a cartoon of the Vulcan band, in large size, and displays skill in the portraying of the members and the introduction of the little characteristics which are peculiar to each. It is really a good one, and must be seen to be appreciated. Our description could not be adequate, and to know the band boys is to better appreciate the picture. Miss LeBow is the artist, and her talent has before been demonstrated. You will remember The Advocate picture of Jiggs and Magie of some months ago.

Now that the senior league hockey games are about over, the younger lads will receive more attention, and the school league is already away to a good start. There are three teams, and the names chosen for themselves are Tigers, Argos and Spark Plugs. Following is the schedule, two games of which have already been played: January 22, Argos vs. Tigers; January 24, Tigers vs. Spark Plugs; January 29, Argos vs. Spark Plugs; January 31, Argos vs. Tigers; February 5, Tigers vs. Spark Plugs; February 7, Argos vs. Spark Plugs; February 12, Argos vs. Tigers; February 14, Tigers vs. Spark Plugs; February 19, Argos vs. Spark Plugs.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss E. McArthur, of Calgary, is visiting in town, the guest of Miss Vera Vanskiver.

Arrangements are being made for a dance in Vulcan on February 15th under the auspices of the Rebekah lodges. There will be novelties, and other features to make this one different from all of the others.

Mr. A. H. Tharlie, who is an active member and official of the local poultry association, while at the U.F.A. convention, took in the poultry show at the Capital to get a line on just how they do things at the big shows.

"Remaining a Vulcanite" are the concluding words of a little message from Mrs. Tom Farand, ordering The Advocate to a new address which is now Maple Avenue, Los Angeles. Even the name of the avenue suggests that our former citizens are remaining as much Canadians as possible.

News of the death of Miss Irene Wark brings sadness to many friends in Vulcan. Miss Wark, whose death took place at the home of relatives near Blackie, was a resident in Vulcan for some time a year or so ago, and her many excellent qualities gave her a place high in the esteem of all with whom she was in any way associated. The Advocate joins in the general regret at the loss of so young a life.

The Home Grain Company, Limited, through their local manager, Mr. Dan Berringer, has presented to the Vulcan curling club a very handsome curling trophy. It is a silver cup, extra-large, appropriate in design, and on the top is a miniature of a curler, with broom in hand, and in the position of delivering a rock. It is also suitably engraved. It is being viewed with much admiration by the curlers who are calling in at the premises of Mr. Percy Discher, by whom it was supplied. "It is sure a dandy" as they all say.

The rink of local curlers, known as the "municipals," posted in a conspicuous place a challenge for a game with the quartette called the "grain exchange," the stake to be a box of cigars. The defi was grabbed by the elevator men and the game played on Monday afternoon. The exchange fellows are now smoking up at the expense of the town legislators. This is the second game with the same result. Who next? The grain men were Messrs. Marshall, Sage, Berringer and Keiver, and the town team were Messrs. Dewie, Stack, Butchart and Flood.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Union church was held in the church on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, splendidly representative of the several branches of the church enterprise. There was a general review of the work of the year, and success was reflected in every one of the reports presented, and in all there was progress and improvement. The aggregate financially and otherwise is the best in the history of the church. It was intended to give somewhat of a detailed report this week, but this will have to be deferred, but when published will include the list of officers elected and a record of membership and such matters. The meeting passed unanimously a resolution in favor of the church affiliating with the United Church of Canada. The business discussions were interspersed with musical selections by Misses Walker, Gardner, Norton, Porter and Pickard, and a social hour followed, during which dainty refreshments were served.

The Advocate man had occasion this week to visit the local hospital for the first time. Good fortune and good health has kept us away from these institutions, and but for a circumstance of this week we should not have known just what a splendid institution Vulcan possesses in the way of a hospital, and there may be many like us to whom this will be real news. To say good things of our local people and places is the province and pleasure of this paper, and the reason of the long delayed reference to a very excellent institution has been stated. The hospital is owned by Miss Rinehart, who also is the superintendent, and her chief and efficient assistant is Mrs. Thompson. The arrangement and extent of the accommodation and equipment was a surprise and a fine feature apparent was the lack of gloom even where there was illness and suffering. Though patients of all kinds receive attention and have been successfully treated, maternity cases are perhaps the most numerous, and the newspaper man was permitted to peek into what we have chosen to call the baby-box, where mighty interesting mites of humanity spend their first days. There is also to be seen any number of pictures of babies, all of whom commenced life right here, and not a few are our bright boys and girls going about town and to school. The hospital is indeed a splendid institution, and the bill we paid is evidence of the fact that good service is available at a reasonable price.

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THE WHEAT POOL

The talk of the Hon. O. L. McPherson at the town hall last Saturday afternoon on the subject of the wheat pool was an encouraging forebode of its future success. Organized at a late date for its actual operations, the past season and under adverse circumstances and opposition of the effected interests, it has worked out "efficiently and satisfactorily" and gives promise of greatly increased control of wheat in the year to come. Many obstacles had to be overcome and contracts entered into which were not at the time entirely satisfactory to the pool management but which had to be accepted in order to get the pool in working order in the short time allotted before deliveries had to be accepted. The determination to function this last season gradually brought different opposing interest to the full realization of the intentions, with the results that gradually they reluctantly gave way and the pool was in operation. With plenty of time for laying out plans for the handling of the crop next season much different and better arrangements can be made whereby the pool will be endowed with many of the little and large perquisites which result from the handling of the grain and which, it is understood, has been a large source of income to the trade in this line. The experience gained in this first year of operation in the pool will also prove of inestimable benefit and with the expected increased acreage, at least some of the anticipated benefits of its promotion should be in evidence at the conclusion of the next season. No statements of this year's operations are as yet available and will not be until the final winding up of the business, but it is asserted that the members of the pool will, at least have done as well as the outside sellers and this with the small proportion of the crop handled by the pool indicates that it will be a factor in the marketing of this grain when the control is more centralized in it. The volume is what is wanted and this in Alberta with the co-operation of other pools in Canada and elsewhere, which is the ultimate purpose of the undertaking, will be a power in the distribution of the most wanted product in the world. It's up to the individual farmers to make it such. Assist by your personal efforts to make it a success. — The High River Times

LIFE IN THE BRITISH NAVY

The British Admiralty is to have a film depicting the life and work in the British navy. It will be a complete record of the tour of the battle cruisers, Hogd and Repulse, under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Field, and the light cruiser squadron under Rear Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert Brand. The squadron left Portsmouth on November 27. It will visit every outpost of the British Empire, starting via Cape Town, Singapore, Melbourne and Fiji, and returning by way of the West Indies, Halifax and Quebec. A film director and several camera men will have their headquarters on the Hood, and it is expected that about 100,000 feet of film will be taken in all.

Another scandal is reported among film actresses at Los Angeles. There never yet was a time that excesses, drunkenness and other crimes did not result when any class were paid more than they were worth. And that is exactly what has been and is happening in the film industry.

Why is a newspaper like a woman? Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbor's.

IN A HORRIBLE PLIGHT

In reading that intensely interesting book "In the Middle of the Road" by Philip Gibbs, a graphic pen picture is given of the terrible conditions that prevailed in unhappy Russia, a shipwrecked country of a hundred and fifty million people when the Bolshevik regime was established. Then commenced the greatest tyranny on earth, the most brutal type of government ever devised by evil minds. And yet the government endeavored to teach the people to read and write, and also made an attempt to feed the children first when famine overspread the land. They were cruel through fear. The government was afraid of counter-revolutions and plots of every kind. They crushed their enemies lest the revolution should be defeated and Czardom brought back. So it was in France under Robespierre. "Communism" according to Gibbs, "is an outrage against human nature as it attempts to crush the individual instinct which is the strongest thing in life. The peasants of Russia killed communism when they refused to grow more grain and produce for the good of the nation. They alone held the only source of wealth and when they refused to produce for the Red army, starvation became rampant, followed by an epidemic of typhus which destroyed millions of the inhabitants of Russia. One paragraph describing the hospital at Karzan, once famous in the history of medical science, reveals the depth of human misery existing there. "It was crowded with men and women suffering from every kind of disease, but mostly from typhus and dysentery caused by vermin and hunger and weakness. Whatever their disease, the patients lay huddled together, not on beds, for they had been burnt for fuel, but on the bare boards. They had few blankets which covered four at a time. There was no heat in the stoves. Young girls looked like old women, young men had the worn, wrinkled look of extreme age. They were all reduced to a dead level of misery and squalor and dirt. Many of the men were of education and learning."

FARMERS IN CONVENTION

The Alberta farmers' convention came to a successful conclusion Friday last after a week of careful deliberation on the part of the delegates of various important matters that affect the welfare of farmers of the province. There were upwards of 500 delegates present and up until the last day of the convention the same elements of the delegates controlled the situation, by preventing any free resolutions being passed. The last day witnessed a few of the radicals predominating the convention as many of the same delegates had left the city for their homes. Several features of the gathering was the manner in which President Wood predominated those present. It was asserted by many that Mr. Wood would be relegated into the background but by sheer personality he exercised an influence over the delegates and won easily over his opponents. Another feature was the defeat of the resolution favoring a provincial bank. For years back this resolution has been up for consideration in 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 it was passed, and last year there was some discontent expressed because the government had taken no action on the resolution. This year the U.F.A. in convention defeated the resolution by a large majority. Mr. Bevington who sponsored the resolution thoroughly understands it and while his pet bill was defeated, he has done a great deal of good in exposing weak spots in our Canadian banking system.

ABOUT LABOR BUREAU

Last summer when farmers began to demand harvest help, many complaints were made by farmers that officials of the labor bureau at Calgary openly advised harvest help to hold out for big wages, making it rather difficult for them to get help at moderate wages. In view of this fact the U.F.A. convention did not pass that resolution, requesting that the labor bureau be removed from the jurisdiction of the present minister of labor, Alex Ross, and placed under an independent and impartial commission, which should have complete control of the staffs and exercise supervision over the offices.

FORTUNES ON BUYING MARGINS

Speaking of fortunes being made in a year similar to that of Leut. Wood, of Manila who is said to have made \$800,000 in one year, the Wall Street Journal becomes reminiscent and tells of huge fortunes being made. One steel producer cleared \$2,000,000 on a copper mining stock in less than a year, 20 years ago and a half dozen made fortunes in the same stock. During the North Pacific rise to \$1000 a share, a certain trader held 100 shares on a slim margin. He was away for several days and returning to the office where the stock was held, he found it had risen to \$1000. The faint cost him \$10,000 but at that he cleared over \$70,000 on an investment of \$500. During the war fabulous fortunes were made. A group of financiers cleared more than \$20,000,000 in submarine boat. One banker made over \$4,000,000 in this stock and another four million in Bethlehem steel within a year.

RUMORS MADE TO ORDER

In a recent issue of the Edmonton Journal, a reporter of that paper hearing of many political rumors being circulated about during convention week went out on a still hunt and here is the result of his efforts. First off the bat he found there was a wide open split in the ranks of the U.F.A. party with old time farmer liberals and conservatives going back to the old parties. Hons. V. Smith and Geo. Hoadley would lead the new conservative-farmer group and Hon. J. R. Boyle and W. M. Davidson the liberal-farmer group. Another rumor was that Premier Greenfield who isn't 100 per cent solid with some farmer members will quit being premier and become chairman of the new liquor commission board. Hon. O. L. McPherson, speaker of the house, who has been persistently pushed for a cabinet position by members, will be the new premier, and lastly there will be a provincial election in June.

PRESS COMMENTS

Manchester Guardian: If it be true as suggested in some quarters that mah jong is likely to become the fashionable game even to the displacement of bridge, then there will be a break in the continuity of our scientific table games. The passage from whist to bridge and from bridge to auction bridge (if we admit the latter development) to contract bridge has been a steady sequence, since bridge in its various forms is merely a development of whist. One must admit, though, that many devotees of whist would have been horrified by the various conventions aimed at "beating the game" which have been introduced into the most modern forms of bridge. But it may be said that we have had nearly two centuries of the same game since it was in 1730 that Lord Folkestone and other prominent persons met in a house in Bedford row and proceeded, with the help of Hoyle, to introduce the game into "polite society". It cannot be claimed that whist asserted itself at once. It was played a good deal from the first, but it did not provide sufficient opportunities for taking huge sums for the "bucks" of that or the next generation. Yet it made its way steadily, and by the middle of the Victorian era it was firmly established. Bridge has not yet completed 30 years of life in England, though it was played earlier on the continent. Perhaps it has not deserved a life as long as that of whist, the variations in the rules have been too frequent and, while claiming to be more scientific than whist it seems to be developing conventions which are mostly methods of signalling in various forms. Possibly also there is a limit to its evolution, the climax has been passed, and so the card playing world was ready for so complete a revolution as that suggested by the arrival of mah jong.

Perth Western Mail: To allow motor lorries to run on the roads—the cost and maintenance of which are provided by the ratepayers—in direct competition with the railways, is economically unsound, and if allowed to continue will sooner or later be disastrous to the state. No country can build the mileage of railways that has been built in this state for the sparse population and then subsidize private enterprise to carry the tonnage which should be transported by rail. But do what parliament may in legislating against the competition here complained of, the heavy motor lorry will always have to be reckoned with, or, at any rate, until we reach the stage of aerial carriage. Whatever is done it will prove a formidable competitor, but all the same, there is great need for immediate legislation which will ensure that the proprietors of motor vehicles of high tonnage shall contribute to the cost of road upkeep in a measure commensurate with the wear and tear for which such vehicles are responsible.

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The San Francisco Chronicle referring to the arrival of the Empress of Canada which left Vancouver on a world tour early in January and arrived at San Francisco on January 7 says the C.P.R. liner dwarfed all craft that San Francisco harbor considers big. There were 223 passengers aboard, most of whom will take a trip that will cover 30,000 miles and 16 countries. Captain Robinson, master of the vessel was in command of the Empress of Australia at Yokohama during the recent earthquake, and for his heroism on that occasion he was honored by King George for his services. The boat will make calls at interesting points while passing through the Panama canal. From New York the ship will sail for Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Hilo, Victoria, Vancouver. The cruise will cover five months.

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DOG mushers at The Pas are working hard to get their teams in trim for the next annual Dog Derby which is to be held this year on March 11. Shorty Russick, winner of last year's race at Banff and second to Morgan in The Pas event, is on the ground training. The Morgan team, winners last year, will be driven by Bert Hayes; Billy Grayson, who drove Morgan's dogs last year, will drive a team belonging to Tom Creighton. Winterton, another old Dog Derby musher, will enter a team. The Bancroft-Dupas team is in harness and Jack Bacon has a splendid team in training for the 200-mile non-stop grind. Several teams from outside of Manitoba are expected to test their speed and endurance against the northern huskies and their drivers, and an

energetic committee is at work striving to make the 1924 Derby bigger and better than anything that has yet been staged at "The Gateway to the North." This year will see also a "Queen of the Carnival" contest in which beautiful young ladies from all parts of Manitoba will compete for the honor of being Queen of the Carnival or members of the Carnival Queen's Court. Entries in this contest are beginning to reach the committee and a lively contest for the carnival honors is assured. Carnival features are being arranged for the enjoyment of outsiders visiting The Pas during the period of the Dog Derby and efforts are being made to provide amusement for everyone visiting the annual winter fun festival.

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It will be remembered that a few weeks ago statements were made in German and other continental newspapers to the effect that the ministry of war in Berlin was carrying out experiments with an invention which made it possible for its users to bring aeroplane or motor car engines to a sudden stop, even from points at a considerable distance away. Since these reports first appeared, the German press has apparently received orders not again to refer to the subject, for no further references have been made to it. By many people the idea of this invention was regarded as pure fantasy. Liberte, a Paris newspaper, however, states that it has been given proof by a French engineer living in Paris that such an invention is not only a reality but that he has himself perfected such an appliance. In proof Liberte prints a remarkable account of a visit paid to the laboratory of the engineer in question, who there gave demonstrations of the practical working of his invention by actually bringing to a sudden stop a number of motor propelled vehicles which passed along the street beneath his windows.

"Our friend introduced us into his laboratory," says Liberte, "where the immense electric coils gave the impression of some tragic American electrocution film. He asked us to stand at a window and watch for any motor driven vehicles which might pass, and to tell him in advance which of them we wished him to stop. The engineer placed himself before his electric appliances with his hand on a lever. A taxicab was in the act of passing and we instantly called on him to operate. He gave a mere turn to his lever, and the cab stopped suddenly. The astonished driver got down from his seat, raised the bonnet of his car, and verified his petrol feed. Finding it working normally, he looked up in perplexity. At that moment another taxicab which was in the act of passing stopped dead just abreast of the first. We half opened the window and leaned out in order to lose nothing of what passed. 'What is the matter?' asked the chauffeur who had just been stopped. 'Just what I was going to ask you,' the newcomer replied, 'for it must be your fault I have had to stop'—and the two mystified men launched into an angry wrangle. Just then a huge motor lorry came in sight and we asked our engineer friend if he could without difficulty bring that also to a standstill. 'Certainly,' he replied, 'as you will see.' When the lorry reached a point at which the two taxis were standing its motor suddenly stopped working and the big vehicle skidded on the wet surface. All three drivers joined in a hearty swearing contest. Sufficiently convinced by what we had seen, we asked our engineer to break off contact with the stranded vehicles. Almost instantly the three motors restarted, roaring and smoking, and the trio of vehicles went on their way amid the curses of their drivers."

Liberte concludes this extraordinary narrative by stating that the engineer is now experimenting with an appliance for similarly stopping electric motors, which he asserts to be more difficult. It is also claimed by the engineer that he is able to stop aeroplanes in full flight from a distance of a thousand metres. Liberte calls attention to the consequences which would result if the Germans were able by the use of such methods to bring lorries full of troops to a standstill, and expresses the hope that the French ministry of war will be able to make use of the invention, and will also be able to study the development of counter measures which will safeguard military motor transport against the use of such appliances.

According to a report in a Toronto paper the expense of winding up the bankrupt Home Bank is likely to be in the neighborhood of \$600,000 to \$800,000. If this report is reliable such an outcome would be little less than a crime, says the Ottawa Journal. Any competent business man could conduct liquidation of the Home Bank at a very greatly less cost if he went about it as he would go about his own business.

That a general strike of coal miners in District No. 18 is likely to occur in the near future is the opinion of the president of the coal miners' union. He claims that many miners are on the verge of starvation.

MUST UNITE

Monopoly-controlled prices on everything he has to buy, inflated freight rates and deflated farm prices are forcing the farmer to come together to save themselves and their industry. They realize the truth of the remark made recently by a republican U.S. senator that "monopoly is absolute master of every product necessary to feed, clothe, warm and shelter the human body," and they know too well that unless they also combine their industry, and by power of alliance buy in the same markets they are now forced to sell in, there is little hope for bettered conditions in agriculture. Farmers must realize the situation and they must act. They must organize and stand solidly together. It is not at all impossible when they once appreciate the situation and its gravity. Every important industry in the nation is controlled by combination, except agriculture. There is little hope for one outside industry against such odds. It is the prey of all the combinations. A Gresham farmer aptly said it when he said that under such conditions the farmer had no more show to succeed than would an individual with a few thousand dollars have in starting opposition to the sugar trust or the Standard Oil Company. "You can't get the farmers together," "They won't combine and stick," and "It can't be done." Those you farmers hear every day. The same songs were sung in the south when the movements were started to organize the cotton planters and the tobacco growers 90 per cent. strong. But it was done, it was done because the southern farmers had come to the point where they knew it must be done. It was done with labor—a task just as formidable as organization of farmers. It was proclaimed to the world that it would be impossible to organize the many different classes and trades in the ranks of labor into enough strength to force fair wages. It has been done and further, this organization has been powerful enough to put up the bars against emigration, it has forced congress to keep out those who would swarm in and thru competition weaken their organizations. If farmers could only be of one mind for one year on the matter of co-operative selling and buying they would have an organization as powerful for success as that of the Bell Telephone company. They would be in complete control of their marketing; able to fix a fair profit price on their products; powerful enough to force out the army of middle-handlers and profit-takers, and then thru joint action with consumers get the products to the homes at so much less expense that retail prices would be greatly lowered, even while the producers got much higher prices. There are few farmers but what admit that their one hope under present conditions is to combine as others combine and get their just share by right of might; yet when it comes right down to backing their own admissions, too many will hang back and let the others put it over—waiting to see how it works out before they come in. And this one fact is more responsible than all other for the limited success of the many co-operative organizations in Alberta—the organizations are not backed strongly enough, there are too many sitting on the fence waiting results—results which they make impossible by their outside competition. They are bidders from within. It would be that the time had come for the farmers of Alberta to walk into this matter of mass production. It would seem that 1924 should see them ready to quit arguing and protesting and to come together solidly in the one determination to run their own business rather than to let the other combinations run it for them and take over the profits.

FARM WOMEN

Speaking before the farm women of Alberta, the minister of telephones and railways explained the excellence and efficiency of the service rendered by these two departments. The late government had handled the telephone department in such an unbusinesslike way and with such extravagance that the people will have to pay for it for years to come. There was no hope of making a reduction in the telephone rates of the province and it was possible that the rates would be raised within the next few years.

The Farm Women in convention passed a resolution asking the government to make the legislation controlling liquor so stringent, with the aim to stop bootlegging, and illegal sale of liquor and satisfy the majority of the people who voted for Clause D.

Magrath union of the U.F.W.A. brought in a resolution asking that doctors' fees in maternity cases be limited to an amount not exceeding \$20.

Mrs. Sears, retiring president, was presented with a lovely pendant by the delegates to which she feelingly replied. Mrs. Sears will continue on the directorate and will continue to take an active interest in the work. A resolution which called for the ability of both municipal councillors and school trustees to be able to read and write in English was passed by the women. This was later rejected at the general meeting when it was pointed out that in some districts it would be impossible to find men who could meet these requirements.

THE POOL MEETING

The Hon. O. L. McPherson, speaker of the Alberta house of representatives and a trustee of the wheat pool for this district addressed a meeting of the farmers in High River on Saturday afternoon last on the subject of the wheat pool. The speaker opened by a short resume of the negotiations entering into the formation of the pool and its expected purposes and expressed himself as highly pleased with the results of the work, which was undertaken at a late hour for operations in the past season. Proper and anticipated functioning of the pool was hardly to be expected for this, its first season, but notwithstanding the many details and obstacles to be hurriedly overcome, the accomplishments have been satisfactory and with continued interest on the part of farmers will prove ultimately to accomplish all that was expected of it. The unusual world wide conditions in the wheat market for the past season had caused the price of wheat to be comparatively low. The price today is still 20% more than in the pre-war times but the farmers are obliged to pay 80% more for other commodities, which was the bone of contention today. He argued that an arbitrary "set price" for wheat was impossible and that it was up to the farmers themselves to create better conditions for the marketing of their products. This can be done through co-operation such as is proposed by the wheat pool, in cutting down overhead expenses by a centralized agency to control the price and distribution of wheat, a marketing agency, a selling agency but not a dictator of prices. Much opposition has been encountered in the formation of the pool from different interests whose personal ambitions were possibly to be effected and the personal and public touch were introduced to thwart the plans of the pool, but notwithstanding such opposition the accomplishment has been more than satisfactory. It is indeed a wonderful accomplishment and is to-day working efficiently and smoothly and with success, and is going to, at least, break even with the man who sold outside. Top prices we always hear of but little do we hear of the fellow who sold around 71 cents. Some hit the high prices occasionally but are lucky to get the average. The pool will get this. The intentions of the pool are to do what the other fellow has been doing for many years; to expand our markets for our products, anticipate the demand and deliver at the opportune time. It is Mr. McPherson's opinion that the pool and its wide spread intentions have already affected the markets for the better. Its prospects are quite assured now, but its volume that is wanted, and affiliation with other wheat producing countries, and the prospects of these are bright. Another drive will be early started for more acreage and it is the earnest desire of the speaker that the individual farmers at every opportunity talk wheat pool and its certain advantages on every occasion to the end that every farmer will eventually belong to the pool. The present arrangements with the elevators for handling the crop is but a temporary one for one year; practically forced because of the immediate necessity, but the coming year is expected to see different arrangements with ultimately the control of the handling facilities. Mr. McPherson then suggested the formation of a local pool organization to look after the local and individual needs, desires, complaints, etc., of the producers of this district and such was immediately done with an executive committee of seven as follows: Messrs. Bond, Morrison, Goodwin, Sutherland, Allen, Bishop and Weiser. Mr. H.T. Goodwin was made chairman and Mr. N. A. Weiser secretary, to whom all communications can be addressed and who will be in touch with the central pool board in all matters of interest. Mr. McPherson suggested that all the business men of the town be interested in the wheat pool and lend their aid indirectly and directly in its success. This because the success of the pool is their success financially and otherwise. As sometimes misunderstood, the pool is not a political or society endeavor. It is strictly a business proposition first and last undertaken for the betterment of the farmers' condition and should enrol all farmers irrespective of their politics or social affiliations. An open discussion was then invited by Mr. McPherson and many interesting questions were answered by the speaker. There was a fair gathering of farmers at the meeting, the hall being about half filled. The low temperature, no doubt, kept many from being present who would otherwise have been there. It was an interesting meeting and Mr. McPherson favorably impressed those present by his personality and in the manner in which he presented his subject.

EXPECTS MANY IMMIGRANTS

A great demand for Alberta land from immigrants is anticipated by James Colley, secretary of the Immigration council of this province, who is on his way to Europe in connection with immigration work. Some one has offered a good suggestion to Mr. Boyle and Mr. Mitchell that they attend the U.F.A. convention at Edmonton and listen attentively to the proceedings in which event they might gain a little sense and wisdom.

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BANFF WINTER CARNIVAL

Banff, after the serious business of catering to its thousands of visitors during the summer season, which opens early in May and lasts till the autumn frosts is over, enjoys a brief respite, takes a deep breath, then plunges into a still more serious business of entertaining those who enjoy winter sports. The winter sports, that start with the first flight of snow and the nippy frosty air that has a healthy tang and a breath of the pines, is hailed with delight by young and old. The mountain town is now the recognized hub of winter sport of all kinds and well merits the name of "Canada's Winter Playground". For the past eight years Banff's winter season has been celebrated in a spectacular manner by a carnival extending over a period of ten days—cramped with competitions in speed skating, art and figure skating, snowshoeing, ski running, ski jumping, skijoring, tobogganing, trap-shooting, sleigh-dog races, etc. To this extensive programme a 100-mile all-visible dog derby, the only event of its kind in the history of the world, was added last winter. Valuable prizes, consisting of cups, gold and silver medals, and other trophies are awarded in amateur championship events, the ladies' hockey championship and ski-jumping championships, attracting the highest class of performers with international reputations, always proving popular and spectacular features. The 1924 programme of the eighth annual event, which opens February 2nd and closes February 9th, is the best on record, augmented by what promises to be the most unique and attractive novelty events in the history of winter sports in any part of the world. It is not a show put on by private enterprise, but is a Banff institution where winter sport, amid rugged surroundings, is enjoyed to the fullest extent both by participants and onlookers. It is a real sportfest, a carnival of joy, a riot of bloodstirring events, staged by performers who rank with the world's best. Visitors will flock to Banff from all over the continent and go away talking of the exciting scenes enacted for their benefit. Banff forms a wonderful setting for a winter carnival. With winter starting in about the first week in December and lasting till early March; in many ways the mountain town, held like a sleeping beauty in the spell of the frost king, seems lovelier than summer. Clear, sharp days, followed by "ch'nook" winds, sometimes a dry windless atmosphere, snow-clad peaks glittering in the sunlight, spruce and pine trees bowed down by snow—such is the background against which the winter carnival with its vivid and healthfulness is staged. It attracts long distance visitors who find that in spite of the distance traveled, Banff is a real winter resort.

WHO GETS THE DIFFERENCE?

No. 1 Northern was selling in Vancouver Saturday for \$1.00 per bushel. In Calgary and Edmonton the highest market price was 81c, and in Red Deer it was 74 cents. The freight rate to Vancouver is 13½ cents per bushel. Who gets the difference?

DON'T TRY THE WATCH TEST



SHIPMENTS TO U. S.

Alberta is getting a market for some of her cattle in California this year and among the prominent shippers has been T. F. Cadzow, the Edmonton commission man, who was in the south part of the province this week, arranging shipments from High River and Gleichen. Recently he has been making shipments from Vegreville and also from the Edmonton yards. The first shipment of ten cars will be made from High River, and on January 15 he is making another shipment of 300 head from Gleichen, being cattle which were bought from Douglas Hardwick. Mr. Cadzow says they are all good cattle and should please the California people to whom they are consigned. It is the extensive outlets which the stockmen in the province are able to ferret out which has been the salvation of the trade on a number of occasions in Alberta and though the ordinary stockyard markets across the line are not able to handle many of our cattle at present and show any profit, there appears to be a chance for some business on the west coast which will help in making some profit for the feeders and breeders.—Market Examiner.

The U. F. A. condemned the Home Bank fiasco this year, although they came in for some criticism for passing resolutions favoring that financial institution.



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REID HILL NEWS

It is reported that Jas. Dann is enquiring how the roads are to, Champion these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy McKague motored to Calgary last Sunday, returning Friday. They report the roads are in fine condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKague and Mr. A. I. Summerville attended the old timers' social gathering at Champion. There was a big crowd and a big time.

The January meeting of Reid Hill W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Gordon McKay. Nine members and one visitor were present. Mrs. Guy Walker presided. After the business part was disposed of, Miss McIntyre favored us with a song and Miss Jean McFall a couple of recitations which were much enjoyed by all present. A very faint lunch was served by the hostess. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday, February 7th, at the home of Mrs. Jack McKay. All ladies most cordially invited.

BRANT NEWS

Mrs. McKay of Calgary is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jay Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson spent the past week in Champion, visiting friends.

Mr. Darce Olsen returned on Thursday night after spending the past two weeks in Calgary.

Mrs. Percy Dougherty spent the past week visiting friends and relatives in Calgary.

Mr. Percy Dougherty went to Calgary on Friday to attend the funeral of the late Mr. J. A. Clark.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green, a son, in the municipal hospital, on January 15th.

Miss Mabel St. Clair spent Friday and Saturday visiting Miss Grace Cascarden.

The Blackie junior hockey team came down on Saturday and played the Hot Shots. After a real fast game the score stood 4-11 in favor of Brant. Leave it to the Hot Shots.

Mrs. Longman who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. T. Bertrand the past three months left for her home in Columbia Falls, Mont., on Monday night.

The following were Sunday afternoon callers on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christies: Mr. Frank Wayne and family and Mrs. L. J. St. Clair and daughters, Miss Mabel and Mrs. Chas. Malmberg.

Mr. Frank Heckle went to High River Thursday and had his tonsils removed. Mrs. Heckle accompanied him and returned Saturday, and reported Mr. Heckle to be progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kelly left Tuesday for Spring Coulee where they will visit relatives for several days. They will then go on to Pasadena, California where they will visit Mr. Kelly's mother for the remainder of the winter.

The dance and box social under the auspices of the Hot Shots was a success in every way. Mr. Don MacLaren principal of the Brant school, assisted by the Hot Shots' president, Mr. Dan Harper, had charge of the dance and social. The music was furnished by Mr. Anderson of Champion, violin; Mr. Chas. Hicklin of Brant, piano; Mr. Roy Jinks of Vulcan, drums and was fully enjoyed by spectators as well as dancers. Dancing began about nine o'clock and continued until midnight when the auctioneer, J. J. Tracy was introduced to the audience and the baskets were then sold to the highest bidder, which did not last long, as Mr. Tracy is a quick auctioneer and seems to be right at home in that line of work and he made each young man pay well for the pleasure of eating supper with the fair young lady. It could easily be noticed the disappointed expressions on the faces of the young men who did not get a basket, as there were not near enough to go around, but the wide awake Hot Shots and their manager were prepared for this, and had made a large number of delicious sandwiches and coffee which were passed around to the crowd when supper was over. Dancing continued until three o'clock in the morning, when some one hundred and thirty people made ready to return to their homes all feeling they had indeed had a fine time. Leave it to the Hot Shots and their manager to show the people a good time. It is understood the boys realized the neat sum of one hundred and thirty five dollars, so we predict they will try another dance soon.

CANADA'S GRAIN CROP

The values of Canada's grain crop is estimated by the dominion bureau of statistics at \$892,572,300. Of this total approximately \$450,000,000 is credited to the three prairie provinces. It is interesting to note that while the figures for Manitoba and Saskatchewan are below those for last year, those for Alberta are above by more than \$45,000,000.

In the summary of railway accidents in Canada during the month of November it is interesting to note that no passengers on trains were killed. But that in 17 railway crossing accidents six persons met death. Train operation is thus seen to be comparatively safe, chiefly because employees are carefully trained and have been taught to hold safety to others as their paramount concern.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

The Alberta government has recently been made the recipient of a very interesting historical gift in the shape of two old brass cannons, which formed part of the armament of old Fort Edmonton more than 100 years ago. The cannons have been given to the province by the Hudson's Bay Co. and are now to be seen in the provincial library.

The special course for irrigation farmers to be held at the experimental farm, Lethbridge, under the auspices of the provincial department of agriculture and the dominion experimental farms branch, will open on January 29 and it is expected that a very large number of the irrigation farmers of the south will be in attendance. The course will continue ten days.

Official figures on the final count in the recent referendum on the liquor question have now been announced by J.D. Hunt, chief election officer. The result is given as follows: A, 61,780; B, 3,939; C, 3,092; D, 93,990. The majority of D over A is thus 32,210. The cost of holding the plebiscite was less than \$130,000, whereas the legislature had allowed an estimate of \$250,000, basing this estimate on the cost of previous plebiscites.

Alberta has shipped approximately 51,000 tons of coal to Ontario markets during the past year, according to figures supplied by H. Stutchbury, Alberta Trade Commissioner. The campaign conducted by the government to make Alberta coal popular in Ontario has met with immense success. The matter of securing a permanent low freight rate on the Alberta coal to the eastern market is still under negotiation between Premier Greenfield and the officials of the C.N.R.

Total unemployed registered in the provincial labor bureau at the end of the year numbered 495, as compared with 997 at the end of the previous year. Through the offices at six points in the province, total placements during the year were 55,273, an increase over the previous year of 15,187. The cost of operation of the service was reduced last year by \$13,667, the average cost per placement being reduced thus from \$1.63 to 89 cents. The cost of operation of these bureaus is borne equally by the province and dominion.

Alberta butter won 50 per cent. of all the prizes offered at twelve exhibitions in Canada during the past year, according to a report prepared by Mr. Marker, dairy commissioner. Of all the first prizes offered at these exhibitions, Alberta won 62.8 per cent. Of the total of second prizes offered, Alberta won 60.7 per cent. Of third prizes Alberta won 49.6 per cent., of fourth prizes 27.2 per cent., of fifth prizes 23.8 per cent., of sixth prizes 16.6 per cent., of seventh prizes 25 per cent., of eighth prizes 11.1 per cent., of ninth prizes 55.5 per cent.

Alberta winners in grain and livestock at the recent International show at Chicago were honoured at functions held in the city of Edmonton during the past week. One of these was a dinner at which the provincial departments of agriculture were hosts, and which was attended by winners at Chicago, and delegates to the provincial seed fair. The other was a luncheon tendered by the Edmonton board of trade attended by over 300, at which the Chicago winners, seed fair delegates, directors of the U. F. A. and U.F.W.A. were guests of honor, together with members of the provincial cabinet, and city officials.

LABOR MINISTRY

Three Peers are Named for Labor Ministry Posts—MacDonald Controls Foreign Affairs—Thomas Is Colonial Secretary

The Labor amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the British House of Commons was adopted by a vote of 328 to 256. The amendment was as follows: "That it is our duty respectfully to submit to your majesty that your majesty's present advisers have not the confidence of the house." And so Ramsay MacDonald became the first socialist premier-elect of England. For the first time in British history, the king summoned a party leader, whose ideas are anti-monarchistic, although his policy dictates a recognition of the constitutional position of the sovereign. The situation for Labor will be difficult in view of the railway strike now in progress. The new cabinet as officially announced on January 22 is as follows:

Ramsay MacDonald, premier, and secretary of foreign affairs. John Robert Clynes, lord privy seal and deputy leader in the house of commons. Lord Parmoor, lord president of the council. Viscount Haldane, lord chancellor. Philip Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer. Arthur Henderson, secretary for home affairs. J.H. Thomas, secretary for the colonies. Stephen Walsh, secretary of war. Sir Sydney Olivier, head of the India office. Erig-Gen. Christopher Thompson, air minister. Viscount Chelmsford, first lord of the admiralty. Sydney Webb, president of the board of trade. John Wheatley, minister of health. Noel Ruxton, minister of agriculture. William Adamson, secretary for Scotland. C.P. Trevelyan, president of the board of education. Thomas Shaw, minister of labor. Vernon Hartshorn, postmaster general. Col. Josiah Wedgwood, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. F. W. Jowett, commissioner of works.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The output of creamery butter in Alberta the past year was 10,000,000 pounds.

Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a pin; it should make you jump up and do something.

An estimate of the value of the 1923 crop in Alberta is placed by a Calgary man at the sum of \$250,000,000.

Plans are being made in various provinces by the Progressives for the coming federal election which will take place this year some time.

J. Arthur Carswell of Red Deer who was engaged on the staff of the High River Times several years ago was recently married at Los Angeles.

Aaron Sapiro, the co-operative marketing expert will appear in Saskatchewan in February to deliver an address on a provincial wheat pool.

Another earthquake occurred at Tokio and Yokohama on Jan. 15 which lasted 14 minutes, taking a toll of 50 lives and demolishing many buildings.

Indications point strongly to a desire on the part of the U.F.A. to stay with politics. A motion for the building up of a social and economic organization was turned down.

Alberta farmers who upon occasions have frost troubles will sympathize with the orange growers of California who have recently suffered considerable damage by frost during a recent cold wave.

The Calgary school board is threatened with a law suit. T. O. Jones, child had her finger so badly crushed in the Hillhurst school that she lost the end of the finger. The father wants \$3,000 damages.

Alberta's production value, based on census estimate for 1922, in chief industries, electric power, construction, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining, etc., totaled in gross value \$376,420,000 and net value, \$264,571,000.

The Greenfield government is utterly opposed to a provincial banking system, but showed a willingness to co-operate in matters of intermediate and long term credits. It is considered the height of folly for farmers to proceed with such an undertaking at this juncture.

There never was a time in Canada when governments of all kinds were held so closely to account for every detail of their financial administration and the people insist upon a reduction in the cost of administering our various departments.

Many of the species of trees that can be used on the prairies are very rapid growers, for example, cottonwood, willow, Russian poplar and Manitoba maple. It is safe to say that wood large enough for fuel can be grown from any of these within six years.

A reduction of the representation in the legislature is one important resolution that will come up before the U.F.A. at their convention this month and it will be passed without a doubt for the big majority of people believe it should be passed. However the important point is what will the government do about it.

One of the outstanding features of this year's wheat crop has been the exceptionally heavy weight of wheat. In fact in this respect Alberta has exceeded all previous records. George Hill the Dominion government grain inspector, says that not one ear in 1,000 that had been inspected had weighed less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and that the average would be about 64 pounds.

Major Strange who was a guest at a banquet held in Edmonton recently gave an address that was listened to with interest. He firmly believed in the future of Alberta, and recognized that the present time was very trying. He expressed the belief that for Canadian wheat, the European market had been exhausted and that in the future the hard wheat grower should turn his eyes to the east. The man who gets into that enormous market first and develops a taste there for good Canadian flour from good hard wheat will stay for the soft wheat grower will never be able to transplant him there.

The charges that the handling and transportation of live stock on the railroads are marked by cruelty and suffering that are injurious and needless is made by Dr. William A. Stillman president of the American Humane Association, and he backs his charge by citing the record of hundreds of violations of the federal laws on this subject which have been prosecuted by the federal government. He made his accusation public in a speech at the recent session of the International Humane Conference in New York as reported in the New York Times, and particularly at greater length in an article in The National Health Review (Albany).

The Blackie district has been considerably stirred up lately by the discovery of illicit stills there which have been disclosed by the investigations of Excise Officer Ingram of Lethbridge. Two of these were found, one each on the properties of Percy Wakeford and Napoleon LaFramiere. A. Thompson, an employee on the Wakeford place pleaded guilty to the charge of trying to conceal a still. Wakeford and LaFramiere were charged with having stills in their possession. Wakeford claims that the still on his property does not belong to him. It is reported that one of these stills has large capacity, but it is not learned the quantity of liquor found on the premises, if any.

REPORT ON SCHOOL COURSES

The final report of the chairman of committee on school courses was submitted last week to the department of education. The committee held ten meetings making careful investigation into ways and means of bettering the educational system as it affected the high schools and into the course of study, time schedules and such like. Six alternative curricula have been drawn up as follows: normal entrance, university matriculation, agriculture, commercial, technical and general. A suggestion is made that high school diplomas be awarded to all students who meet the requirements in any curriculum, this being a new feature that will, it is thought, greatly add to the interest of school work. Departmental examinations in grade 9 was also recommended. It is proposed that the new courses of study already in effect in grade 9 will come into use in grades 10 and 12 in fall of 1924 and in grade 11 in September, 1925. Among the questions still pending, with negotiations more or less definitely under way, is a new policy in regard to physical education, which the report explains is being taken up with the Strathcona Trust and the Dominion Militia department, this is with the view to securing a workable modification of school cadet plan on the basis of physical training and discipline, without the more particularly military features, to which objection has been taken all over Canada.

NOTICE

To JOHN ANDREW EVANS, formerly of Vulcan, Alberta.

TAKE NOTICE that North British Canadian Investment Company, Limited, through its solicitors, Messrs. Griesbach, O'Connor & Company, of Edmonton Alberta, Canada, has commenced proceedings against you under the Land Titles Act of Alberta claiming from you the sum of \$652.45, and interest and taxes paid under a mortgage made by Ernest J. Tillier to British American Mortgage Company, Limited, and by it assigned to the said North British Canadian Investment Company, Limited, bearing date the 9th day of December, 1913, affecting the Southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 35, Range 25, West of the Fourth Meridian, in the said Province.

And further take notice that in case default in payment of said sum and interest and taxes continues for the space of two calendar months from the 16th day of February, A. D. 1924, the mortgagee will proceed to sell and dispose of the said lands in accordance with the provisions of the Land Titles Act and amendments thereto, and that all remedies competent will be resorted to, and all the rights, powers and privileges granted to or conferred upon the mortgagee under and by virtue of the said Act and amendments thereto, and the said mortgage will be exercised.

GRIESBACH, O'CONNOR & COMPANY, Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

Approved: (Sgd.) A. G. KINNAIRD, Registrar.

In the Matter of the Bankruptcy Act

Notice to Creditors of First Meeting

In the Estate of MARVUS VICTOR EDWARDS, Authorized Assignor.

NOTICE is hereby given that Marcus Victor Edwards, of the Town of Vulcan, did on the Sixth day of December, 1923, make an authorized assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors at their first meeting shall elect a trustee to administer the estate of the Debtor.

Notice is further given that the first meeting of creditors in the above connection will be held at the Court House, Calgary, Alberta, on the 5th day of February, 1924, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

To entitle you to vote thereat, proof of your claim must be lodged with us, prior thereto.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with us, prior thereto. And further take notice that if you have any claim against the debtor for which you are entitled to rank, proof of such claim must be filed with us within thirty days from the date of this notice, for from and after the expiration of the time fixed by sub-section 8 of Section 37 of the said Act, we shall distribute the proceeds of the Debtor's estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which we then have notice.

Dated at Calgary this 19th day of January, A. D. 1924.

The Security Trust Co., Limited,

Custodian.

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Electors Town of Vulcan

Public Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Vulcan will be held at the Office of the Secretary, on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1924, at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Auditor's interim statement of the finances of the Town for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, and for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Chairman of the various Committees of the Council.

Dated the 19th day of January, 1924. A. J. FLOOD, Secretary-Treasurer.

WARNING TO FARMERS

Income officers are about to inaugurate prosecutions on farmers for not filing income tax returns. It must be understood that whether you are liable for a tax or not on your business for the year you are expected to make a return and failure to do so will lay you liable for a prosecution and fine. It may cost you a considerable amount by your failure to make these returns as required.



LOST

DOG—Reward \$2.00 for the recovery of lost male fox terrier, white and black spots, answers to name "Mickey." Phone 903. Nan'on, or write Rex B. Hodgen, Nan'on. Jan16/2p

WANTED

FARM—Experienced farmer desires to secure on a rental basis, a half or three quarters of a section of land, with buildings. Send replies to The Vulcan Advocate, Vulcan. Jan16/2p

REPAIRS

REPAIRS—Auto repairs of all kinds promptly executed, at well appointed and equipped shop, one mile west of Kirkcaldy. Prices reasonable. Lacey J. Hollister, Kirkcaldy P. O. Jan23/3p

FOR SALE

VULCAN HOME—A splendid home in Vulcan for sale at a price far cheaper than cost of replacement. This desirable home has four large bedrooms and bathroom upstairs. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, office or den, pantry, and hall, downstairs. Furnace in basement. Well, with splendid water, in rear of property, with power pump. Bath room and kitchen sink, connected with cesspool sewerage system. Verandah entire height of building, door opens from bed room making access to a fine sleeping porch. This house was built with painstaking care, and first class material, well painted, lath and plastered, and interior finish is an example of very pleasing workmanship and taste. Will make even a large family a real home of comfort and enjoyment. Apply to Mr. John Dewie, of Beaver (Alberta) Lumber, Limited, for price and terms. Do not overlook this opportunity, as it will not be long on the market. Jan23/3p

PIANO—Willis Piano, good condition. Terms arranged. See C. B. Shimp, Vulcan. Jan16/4c

OATS AND BARLEY—Five hundred bushels Banner Oats, produced from seed registered one year back. They yielded 108 bushels to the acre. Germination test 90 per cent, and free from weed seed. Can be had for 40c. bushel. Two hundred bushels O.A.C. Barley, No. 21, from registered seed one year back. Yielded 68 bushels to the acre. Germination test 97 per cent, and no weed seed. Can be had for 50c. per bushel. J. H. Cook, Vulcan. Jan23/3p

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Child's and Misses', sizes 6 to 2 Special, To Clear Before Stock-taking.

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PHONE 25

Vulcan District Poultry Association

Fifth Annual Poultry Show

In I.O.O.F. Hall, Vulcan

Friday and Saturday, February 1st and 2nd

Birds received up to 11 a.m. on first day of show.

Judging begins at 12 p.m.

54 Classes--Liberal Prizes

Commercial Class—18 prizes, 8 specials.

Judges: P. J. Timms, M. Ross Wallace

Admission to non-members, 25c., School Children, 10c.

P. TERRY,

President

J. A. LINDSAY,

Secretary-Treasurer

WHO PAYS FOR ADVERTISING?

A page advertisement in colors on the back page of the Ladies' Home Journal for just one issue costs \$15,000. Who pays it in the end? Nobody! Advertising creates an instant demand and stimulates the sale of a product till it can be produced in large quantities—like a Ford car, one every six seconds—and that means the lowest possible cost of production. If, by advertising, a man can speed up the sale of an article till he can make and distribute it cheaper than any competitor; and the consumer can buy it for less than he used to pay, and the manufacturer is making more money on the article than he ever made—who pays for advertising? Nobody!

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Every Garment in the Store Reduced

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Dozens of ends of all kinds of material, including Serges, Satins, Silks, Homespins, Prints, Cretonnes, Flannelettes, etc.,

At Greatly Reduced Prices

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Overshoes and

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For Men.

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ALL SIZES

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